

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Smith Turner S36832

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The State of Indiana, Switzerland County: SS

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 before me William Cotton first associate Judge of the Switzerland Circuit Court, personally appeared Smith Turner, a resident Citizen of the United States, residing in Switzerland County, State of Indiana, who after being duly sworn, according to law, doth declare and say that he enlisted in the year 1776 under Captain Thomas Palmer of the 9th Virginia Regiment which was commanded by General \_\_ Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg]. He served until March A.D. 1778, when he was honorably discharged by General Muhlenberg at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. He was at the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777]. After being discharged by General Muhlenberg, he entered on board of the letter of Marque schooner *Sally* at Musquito Point [Mosquito Point], Virginia and was captured by a British King's schooner commanded by Captain Carey, who destroyed his discharge. He served upwards of two years, as a private soldier in the Army of the United Colonies, raised to obtain and defend American Liberty. – That he has no pension allowed him by the laws of the United States to his knowledge and if any should exist he does hereby relinquish, fully and entirely, the same to the United States and finally, that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support & further saith not.

S/ Smith Turner, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of May A. D. 1818

S/ William Cotton

The State of Indiana Switzerland County

Be it remembered that on this 15th day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared in Open court, in the Circuit court now sitting in and for the County aforesaid, being a court of record, Smith Turner, aged about 76 [?, number written over and not clearly discernible], who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows, to wit, under Captain Thomas Palmer, of the 11th Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line – that he received a pension since May 20, A.D. 1818 – that his pension certificate is numbered 7469 & dated April 19, 1818 – and the said Smith Turner does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts

or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed – that he is by occupation a farmer – that he has the following family residing with him to wit – his wife, Abigail, aged about 65 years, and further saith not.

S/ Smith Turner, X his mark

Schedule of Property belonging to Smith Turner, and referred to in the annexed affidavit,  
viz.:

One horse	three tin cups
One old bridle	one old saddle
? hoes	one kettle
one cake kettle	one pot
one teakettle	one spider
one frying pan	one sad iron
one pair small steelyards	one ax
one meat ax	one hat chet
one handsaw	one auger
two chisels	three pewter basons
one pewter platter	seven milk crocks
one cream jar	eight pewter plates
eight knives & forks	nine spoons
six chairs	½ bushel
two buckets	one washing tub
one pair boxes	two spinning wheels
one cupboard	one chest
one trunk	three cows
three calves	one heifer
23 head of pigs	16 hogs

that he has inundated to him from sundry persons about \$47 and his fifteen acres of land and is indebted about \$14.

S/ Smith Turner, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 20, 1818, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia Continental line.]